

Community Assessment Program Area 35 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on August 27, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

This area is shaped like a wedge facing to the west with Highway 217 bisecting the area. The northwest boundary is Highway 99W, the western boundary at the top of the wedge is Hall Boulevard, the southwest boundary is Hunziker Street and the eastern boundary is 72nd Avenue.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

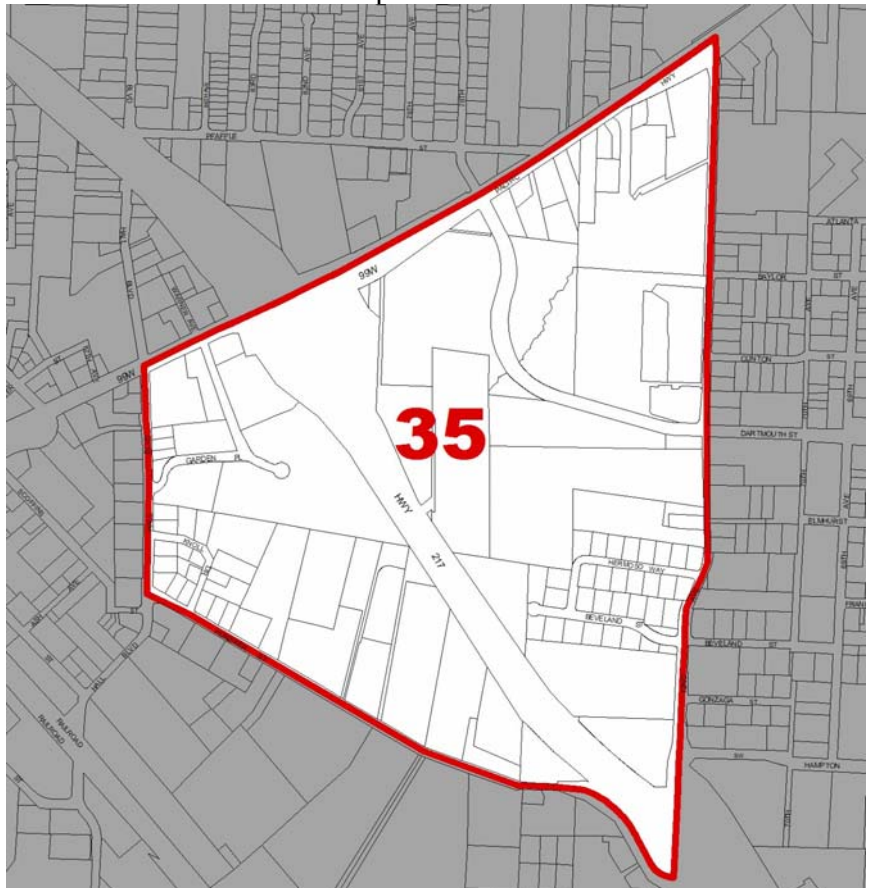
Vegetation blocking

sidewalks – In several locations residents have allowed their shrubs, weeds

and other vegetation to grow onto the sidewalk. All vegetation should be clear of sidewalks. If your bushes or weeds have experienced a recent growth spurt please trim them back away from the sidewalk. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or christine@ci.tigard.or.us . You may also find information on the City's web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us.

Catch basins without bike straps – Some of our older catch basins have grates with slots wide enough for a bike tire to fall if you're not careful. The PW Department needs your help to identify these older catch basins so that we can weld a flat metal bar across the grate to eliminate this hazard. (New style catch basin grates have been designed to eliminate this hazard.) If you notice a catch basin grate that needs a bike strap or for questions please contact Eric hand at 503-639-4171 ext.2607, or eric@ci.tigard.or.us.

Map of Area 35



Trees in poor health on commercial property – Did you know that commercial businesses are required to maintain their property in the same condition that it was originally approved (or better)? The walkers noted a few businesses where the trees appear to be in poor health. The City arborist has been asked to look at these locations and will determine if additional follow-up is needed with the property owners. Contact the Planning Department with questions on prior conditions of development.

Graffiti – The walkers noticed several instances of graffiti. The locations have been forwarded to the Police Department where an officer will be sent to investigate and prepare a report. If you spot graffiti contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

More ways you can help make our community better –

Neighborhood Watch - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

Help protect our streams - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The “dump no waste, drains to stream” message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or liz@ci.tigard.or.us. The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.